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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE TO BURUNDI

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LAST SENTENCE REFTEL IMPLIES THAT YOU MAY EVEN NOW BE THINKING ABOUT VISITS TO AFRICA IN THE NEXT MONTHS. OF COURSE, I KNOW THAT BURUNDI IS FAR FROM HAVING ANY SIGNIFICANT PRIORITY AMONG CURRENT U.S. CONCERNS IN AFRICA. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS AN OFT STRICKEN NATION NOW GROPING EARNESTLY TO FIND SOME BETTER WAY THAN IN ITS MURDEROUS PAST TO POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. EVEN MORE RELEVANTLY, THE UNITED STATES IS WORKING SERIOUSLY, FOR ABOUT THE FIRST TIME, TO ESTABLISH A SIGNIFICANT, IF MODEST, BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WITH BURUNDI. NO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HAS VISITED HERE SINCE THE EARLY 1960'S, AND I THINK THAT A SHORT STOPOVER WHEN YOU ARE IN THE EAST AFRICAN AREA WOULD BE BOTH TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE IN PROMOTING OUR INTERESTS.

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